GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4740
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
FUNDS FOR HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether allocation of funds for Highways in West Bengal is less than any other State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase funds to West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether reconstruction of collapsed stretches of National Highway No. 2 has been completed and reopened to the traffic;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the reasons of the collapse; and

(h) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) to (d) No Sir, allocation of funds to various States for development and maintenance of National Highways is made based on the length of National Highways in the States, capacity of the States and overall availability of funds.

(e) No stretch of National Highway No. 2 had collapsed.

(f) to (h) Do not arise.